

FISCAL NOTE

HB 432 - SB 1117

February 28, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a students' academic bill of rights and requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to develop, monitor and enforce a statewide method for students to appeal alleged violations of any rights specified in the bill of rights.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- THEC will promulgate rules in consultation with UT and TBR to provide an appeals process similar to that already established by the various campuses for other procedures. The process would include an initial hearing on campus before an individual or panel with an appeal to another person or panel at the campus. The grievance process may include an appeal to THEC.
- If the grievance includes an appeal to THEC, there could be some travel costs. However, such cost is expected to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director